

# DR. ABBOTT; THE NEGRO

Great New York Preacher Endorses Constitution of Virginia and Other Southern States.

## "STEAL" THE PHILIPPINES

Taking Those Islands Indefinitely Would Mean That, Outlook's Editor Declares.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, speaking before the Congregational and Channing Clubs, meeting jointly in Tremont Temple, Boston, Sunday evening, expressed his hearty endorsement, says the New York Herald correspondent, of the various constitutional amendments recently adopted by Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, limiting the franchise to persons able to read and write, who possess \$300 worth of property, and who have paid their poll taxes.

"Any man can vote, black or white," said Dr. Abbott, "if he can read the English language, owns \$300 worth of property and pays his poll tax, and men call that disfranchising the negro. I believe in this honest endeavor to provide such conditions of suffrage as shall limit it to men who have sufficient intelligence to understand the language of the country they live in, sufficient of the elementary virtues of prudence and economy to have laid by \$300, and sufficient patriotism to pay their poll tax, which never exceeds \$3. I believe they should have, not our grudging acquiescence, but our cordial and hearty co-operation."

### WHAT ABOUT FILIPINOS?

"We have," continued Dr. Abbott, "another dependent people, the Filipinos. How? Well, no matter how. They are here now. They are on our hands. However they have come, we are responsible for them; responsible to ourselves, to them and to the civilized world, and to Almighty God."

"What are we to do? First, we might say we can't handle this problem. We will turn it over to a wise people—the Japanese, for instance. Or we might say we have set them free, now we will sail away and leave them to cut their own throats if they like. Or we will take possession of these islands, these people and appropriate that to the long word, 'steal' is the short word—their possessors. Or we may say these millions of people are in our hands, keeping. We will gather all our moral forces and go into these islands with our public schools, with justice, representative institutions, and teach them self-government.

"Just pause and reflect. Is it nobler to sail away and leave these people to their destiny, because we distrust our ability, or is it nobler for those of us who have the love of humanity to say, in the name of Almighty God, we will hold these people in our charge and keep them until we have developed in them conscience and reason that will enable them to sail their own ship?"

"We have men in New York who say the American people cannot be trusted to do that; if we take these islands we will rob them. If I thought so meanly of my country, I would say, then sail away."

Dr. Abbott, when here last spring attending the conference for education in the South, speaking in the Academy of Music at the close of that great meeting, expressed the same opinion, and was cheered by the great Southern audience.

## OF HUMAN INTEREST; STORIES OF TO-DAY

### Blackburn's First Lesson.

When Senator "Joe" Blackburn went into the office of a celebrated lawyer of Kentucky to study law he was surprised by the absence of a library.

"Where's the library?" he asked.

"Now, Joe, if you want to study law, don't begin by reading a bunch of old lawbooks to them. There is not any library. You see that book? That's the statutes of Kentucky. And it's all the library any lawyer needs. Don't get a library, you won't become a lawyer."

"I've found that advice was the best I ever received, too," the senator added.

### Revenge.

Richard Mansfield was discussing the subject of vengeance, says an exchange. "Vengeance, as a rule," he said, "should be left to the gods. I can't help sympathizing with the vengeance that a stage villain took on his manager last year in the West."

The villain was supposed, at the end of the fifth act, to plunge a knife in his heart and die. To the very hard, rolling and hissing audience, he did just that.

"When his cue came he did plunge in the knife, but then, instead of dying, he lay down on the floor, crossed his legs and burst into loud, long laughter, the dagger still sticking, mind you, in his breast."

"The audience was amazed and stupefied at such unscrupulous conduct. The actors on the stage could not go on, for the curtain had to be rung up again. The manager, nearly beside himself, missed from the wings in a loud whisper,

"You fool, what are you laughing at?" This was your death scene."

"Don't you know the recumbent villain? Yes, I know it is, and with such a sneer as you give me the death comes as a happy release!"

They Will Fit.

"A friend of mine down South," said Congressman John Sharp Williams to a Washington correspondent, "brought in the luxury of a negro valet, or body servant, to call him. This was some sort of extravagance, but one day bought a pair of loud-cheeked trousers. His valet envious them and wanted them. They did not seem to be coming his way fast enough, and he threw some grease on them."

"Charley," said my friend, "take these trousers and clean them. There's a grease spot on them." The negro valet, who always took the trousers, didn't do a thing to them, and brought them back in half a day. "Indeed, boss, he said, 'I can't get that grease out!'

"Did you scrub them well?"

"Did you try ammonia?"

"No, sir, and none tried 'em on me yet, but I know they'll fit me!"

The Hurried Beggar.

Her is another very good one that a Washington correspondent is responsible for:

Senator Foster, of Tacoma, walked into the Capital the other day with look of anxiety on his face.

"What is the matter, senator? You appear disgruntled," someone said.

"I am disgruntled," Senator Foster returned. "I'll never give money to a single beggar again in my life. These men were so pitiful looking beggar on the avenue a few minutes ago, and my heart going out to him, I stopped to hand him a few small coins. I shall be glad to respond to the telegram received from Chief Council Fred H. Garber, is ill."

George Washington can't help testing his hearing in his Tomb of Mount Vernon, as he does the big things that are being done in his memory at Alexandria.

"Hurry up, sir! I've lost several customers while you've been muddling over them pennies!"

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